which appeared in the 'Indian Ex" press' of 10th March, 1986 to the effect that U.K. sophisticated arms worth £175 million are being supplied to Pakistan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Similar reports in the British press indicate that the deal is for supply of Tank Turrets and armaments to Pakistan.

(c) Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

**Indians in Pakistani Jails**

286. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of 8th March, 1986 to the effect that there are a number of Indians who have been in Pakistani jails for thirteen to thirty years and have not been hand-
• ed over so far to the government of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of Indian prisoners of War got insane in Pak torture cells; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to secure their release?

THE MINTSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ;SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.



(b) There are no confirmed reports on any pecific cases; and

(c) Continuous efforts are being made by Government to secure the early release of Indian prisoners from Pakistan Jails.

**Gambling Dens in Maurya Shereton Hotel**

287. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minsiter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some gambling dens have recently been detected in Maurya Shereton Hotel in New Delhi and some persons were also arrested;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted on the Flotel during the last six months and the *names* of persons arrested and cash seized;

(c) whether Government arrested the Director of the Hotel for managing the gambling den and for supplying of girls for immoral traffic and heroin have also been seized; and

(d) what action has been taken against the guilt)- persons in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, during a raid on 7th January, 1986, 13 persons were arrested.

(b) No other raid has been' conducted during the last six months on this Hotel.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A case U/s 4/9/55 of the Gambling Act and another case U/s 21/61/85 of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 has been registered. Challan has since been filed in one case which is pending trial in Court.